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LBJ Boosts Savings Bond Interest Rates

President Johnson issued the following statement Feb. 16 on increasing interest rates on U.S. Savings Bonds:

"I am today announcing an increase in the interest on U.S. Savings Bonds from 3-¾ percent to 4.15 percent.

"This means that the bonds that you have, and the bonds you buy in the future, will earn you more money. It means a fairer return for those millions of Americans that are already enrolled in the Savings Bond Program. And I hope that it will encourage millions more of you to join.

"The Savings Bond Program is both prudent and patriotic. It is prudent because it strengthens the security of your own family. It is patriotic because it strengthens the economy of our country, it supports our fighting men in Vietnam who need to be supported at this very hour, and it supports the cause of our freedom everywhere in the world. It helps to preserve the buying power of our American dollars.

Important Investment

"And for all of these reasons, I believe that savings bonds are the most important investment that any American can make. I urge you to invest regularly through the Payroll Savings Plan at your office, your factory, or your bank.

"Your President, your Vice President, and the Members of the Cabinet are themselves enrolling in such a plan. I am purchasing bonds today for myself and Mrs. Johnson, for Luci and Lynda, and I am instructing my department and agency heads to immediately begin a campaign so that every employee of the Federal Government can set an example for the rest of the Nation to follow.

"Not all of us are called upon to fight for freedom in Vietnam, but we can help in that cause by strengthening our country and by strengthening its economy here at home."

Astronauts To Take 8-Country Tour

President Johnson is sending astronauts Capt. Walter Schirra, USN, and Col. Frank Borman, USAF, on an eight-country good-will tour of the Far East, Feb. 21. They will visit Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand.

***COMMANDERS MEET** — Lt. Gen. John A. Heintges (left), USA, Deputy Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam; Maj. Gen. Lewis W. Walt (center), USMC, CG, III Marine Amphibious Force; and Brig. Gen. Jonas M. Platt, USMC, commander of the Marines' Task Force Delta, leave Gen. Platt's field headquarters during Operation Double Eagle.*

More Forces to RVN If Communists Expand

If the Communists choose to expand their operation in South Vietnam, the U.S. must be prepared to deploy even more forces there, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara disclosed while appearing before joint sessions of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Defense Appropriations subcommittee.

In testimony requesting FY66 supplemental funds, the Secretary said, "Our operational plans call for a massive application of firepower to enhance the effectiveness of our forces and reduce casualties."

Defining U.S. aims in Vietnam, he said, "I don't believe that we could characterize our present military strategy or present tactics as holding actions.

"On the contrary, we are taking the offensive, seeking to find and destroy the enemy bases and forces, and we propose to continue to follow that strategy and tactic, using whatever forces are required to accomplish it..."

Secretary McNamara acknowledged that the U.S. objective in South Vietnam is limited to preserving the independence of the South Vietnamese and their right to determine their own destiny.

Washington Memos

SECOND MARINE DIVISION celebrated its 25th anniversary Feb. 1 with a 10,000-man parade and review at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Ceremony also paid tribute to USO's anniversary for its contribution to Marines of the local area. Gen. Edwin A. Pollock, USMC (ret.), a former division commander, was reviewing officer.

ASST. SECRETARY OF Defense for International Security Affairs, John T. McNaughton visits Greece and Turkey Feb. 21-25 to discuss matters of mutual interest with Defense officials of those countries. Also on trip are Townsend W. Hoopes, Deputy Asst. Secretary (ISA) for Near East and South Asia Affairs; Col. Fred E. Haynes, USMC; Capt. Ivar A. Johnson, USN; and Col. James M. Shepherd, USA.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON ISSUED a proclamation Feb. 14, naming April 1966 Cancer Control Month. Congress issued a joint resolution March 28, 1938, asking the President to issue such a proclamation annually, to support programs for prevention and control of cancer.

FIRST SPADE OF earth turned for $7 million, 400-bed U.S. Naval Hospital, NAS Jacksonville, Fla., by RAdm. Robert O. Canada Jr., MC, USN, Deputy and Assistant Surgeon General, Navy Dept. Also at ceremony were RAdm. E. C. Kenney, MC, USN (ret.), former Surgeon General of the Navy; RAdm. H. H. Caldwell, USN, Commander Fleet Air, Jacksonville; and Rep. Charles E. Bennett, D.-Fla., a senior member, House Armed Services Committee and keynote speaker.

USO NATIONAL COUNCIL will be held in Washington, D.C., at Washington Hilton Hotel, March 31—April 1, in conjunction with annual meeting of Corporation and Board of Governors.

NAVY GAVE ARMY recruiting program a boost when Sgt. Maj. Adelbert A. Harris, USA, received the Army reenlistment oath from RAdm. Clyde J. Van Arsdall Jr., Chief of the Joint War Games Agency, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Sgt. Maj. Harris is assigned to Limited War Division, JWGA.

ARMY ATTENDANCE AT the 49th session of Harvard University's Advanced Management Program totals seven colonels and one civilian employee. The 13-week course is designed for high-level management executives.

A SURGICAL TEAM of Navy and Air Force medical advisors has arrived in RVN to offer assistance and training to Vietnamese people in Rach Gia, a city in the Delta Region where a 450-bed hospital is located. These advisors relieved a similar team that had been participating in the AID program. The new team consists of two Navy doctors, two Navy nurses, a male Air Force nurse and a Navy chief hospital corpsman.

20,605 SUMMER EMPLOYEES were hired by Army last year for work in 48 states. Employment was greatest in Pennsylvania, Georgia, California, Virginia and New York.

TESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS of a new interim Photographic Processing and Printing (PPP) facility have been conducted at the Tactical Air Reconnaisance Center, Shaw AFB, S.C., which is intended to enhance the speed, versatility and mobility of photo-reconnaisance units in forward operation areas. It may be airlifted and installed in hours, processing up to 2,160 feet of five-inch wide reconnaisance film in 30 minutes.

FIRST TIME 1,000 objects have been orbiting in space at one time occurred Feb. 3, when Tiros OT-3 was placed in orbit from Cape Kennedy, Fla. NORAD Space Defense Center said 971 objects are orbiting the Earth and 29 are deep space probes. It has been estimated by 1970 there will be between 5,000 and 7,000 man-made objects in Earth orbit.

AIR FORCE CAMBRIDGE Research Laboratories scientists have launched 127 rockets containing chemicals for release in ionosphere since 1959. Organization is pioneer of upper atmosphere chemical release research, has done more such experiments than any other.

NASA SENT A 300-pound package of sensitive instruments aloft at White Sands Missile Range, N. M., recently, to permit Princeton University scientists to measure portions of ultraviolet radiation from Alpha Virginia, a first-magnitude star 200 light years away. It was first NASA-sponsored attempt to study the star with a sounding rocket with enough resolution and scanning capability to permit study of individual ultraviolet spectral lines from the star.

27 GREEK SEAMEN saved from sinking Liberian freighter Feb. 1 by MSTS ship USNS Gen. Nelson M. Walker, about 600 miles northwest of Midway, after all-night vigil by Navy and Coast Guard air and surface units.

A YEAR'S SUPPLY of tarpaulins was made from a surplus Navy blimp envelope for the Long Beach Naval Supply Center, eliminating the purchase of canvas tarps. The new covers, for outdoor-stored items, are waterproof, while canvas seeps some moisture. Savings exceeded $6,000 from an idea by Harold M. Liedahl, assistant NSC storage division director.

PAYMENT OF 1965 Federal income tax should be by check or money order, not in cash, IRS officials warn. Taxpayers who send cash through the mail have no record of payment in case of loss or misdelivery. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Internal Revenue Service.

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Background For Commanders

Outline of U.S. Disarmament Policy

(Following is a shortened version of a message from President Johnson to the 18-Nation Disarmament Committee, Jan. 27, 1966.)

The avoidance of war and particularly nuclear war is the central, common concern of all mankind.

My country is dedicated to this end. The effort to control, and reduce—and ultimately eliminate—modern engines of nuclear destruction is fundamental to our policy. We have, with all mankind, a common interest in acting now to prevent nuclear spread, to halt the nuclear arms race and to reduce nuclear stocks.

For this reason, we must press on with our work in Geneva. It is true that our meeting is shadowed by continuing aggression against the people and government of South Vietnam. There are differences among the members of the Conference on Vietnam, but these differences make our common interest in preventing nuclear spread and curbing the nuclear arms race all the more important to pursue. Even while our own nation is engaged in necessary resistance to aggression in Southeast Asia, it must continue to pursue every avenue for stable peace, both in Vietnam and throughout the world. That great general effort has no more important set of goals than those of disarmament, which are the business of this conference.

I have instructed the United States delegation to urge upon your meeting the following seven-point program:

First, let us seek a non-proliferation treaty which, in the words of the United Nations General Assembly, is "void of any loopholes which might permit nuclear or non-nuclear powers to proliferate, directly or indirectly, nuclear weapons in any form." We are prepared to sign such a treaty, making it applicable to nuclear and non-nuclear countries alike . . .

Second, through a non-proliferation treaty and through efforts outside such a treaty, we must continue to secure application of International Atomic Energy Agency or equivalent international safeguards over peaceful nuclear activities . . .

Third, so that those who forswear nuclear weapons may forever refrain without fear from entering the nuclear arms race, let us strive to strengthen United Nations and other international security arrangements. Meanwhile, the nations that do not seek the nuclear path can be sure that they will have our strong support against threats of nuclear blackmail.

Fourth, my country persists in its belief that the perils of proliferation would be materially reduced by an extension of the limited test ban treaty to cover underground nuclear tests. For such an extension, the United States will require only that number and kind of inspections which modern science shows to be necessary to assure that the treaty is being faithfully observed . . .

Fifth, let us seek agreement not to increase, and indeed to reduce, nuclear materials in weapons stockpiles. The United States continues to urge a verified halt in the production of fissionable materials for use in weapons. We continue to urge that such a halt be accompanied by the transfer of large quantities of fissionable material to peaceful purposes, under international safeguards. We continue to urge the demonstrated destruction of thousands of nuclear weapons by the United States and the U.S.S.R. to produce this fissionable material . . .

Sixth, as another step to reduce the dangers and burdens of nuclear arms, let us direct our attention to modern, long-range, high-speed carriers of nuclear destruction. I urge continued exploration of the terms and conditions which could make acceptable to all the proposal I put before you in 1964 for a freeze on offensive and defensive strategic bombers and missiles designed to carry nuclear weapons . . .

Seventh, as we focus on nuclear arms, let us not forget that resources are being devoted to non-nuclear arms races all around the world. These resources might better be spent on feeding the hungry, healing the sick and teaching the uneducated . . .

Each of these steps would contribute toward reducing the danger and destruction of war. Each of them would take us further down the path toward our ultimate goal of general and complete disarmament. Yet each of them is possible of achievement today if only all nations have the will.

The limited test ban treaty lit a candle of hope in the darkness. The gleam of that candle shows the way to a brighter tomorrow if we will but follow. We must move toward it quickly while there is yet time.

Marines Refuel Army Plane in Flight

Army OV-1B Mohawk aircraft have been refueled in flight for the first time, using Marine Corps KC-130F tankers, Army Materiel Command announced Feb. 3.

The refueling tests were conducted at airspeeds between 135 and 190 knots, at altitudes ranging from 5,000 to 15,000 feet. The KC-130F tanker used a "high drag" paradrogue assembly.

Modification of the Mohawk for inflight refueling can save thousands of dollars in dismantling and shipping costs and will enable the plane to move rapidly to battle zones, arriving in combat ready condition.

'Seventh Fleet Ready,' Says CINC, Pacific

Seventh Fleet ships can successfully counter North Vietnamese air attacks directed against them should they come, said Pacific Fleet Commander in Chief Adm. Roy L. Johnson.

The Navy effort in this respect is completely adequate, he said, although there would be a problem of detection and low level attacks.

Tempo of Navy operations since the Gulf of Tonkin incident has increased from approximately 125 to 175 ships, 500 to 700 aircraft, and 64,000 to 80,000 personnel, exclusive of Marines.

Adm. Johnson expressed little concern about aerial encounters with Soviet-built MIG aircraft, saying his forces had tangled with them and took care of themselves very well.

He pointed out that Navy aircraft losses have not been abnormally high, considering that with such heavy enemy anti-aircraft a lot of planes are bound to be hit.

Jet Contracts Let in Japan

Japanese Defense Agency has signed contracts totaling $41,337,000 with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. and nine other companies for follow-on production of 30 Lockheed-designed F-104J fighter-interceptors.

Sixty-four percent of the components and parts for the F-104J will be produced in Japan, compared with 43 percent under initial program started in March 1960.

COST REDUCTION AWARD — Mr. Harrell B. Altizer (right), Deputy Director for Cost Reduction Policy, receives the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Medal from Mr. Paul R. Ignatius, Asst. Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics), for his outstanding contributions to the DOD Cost Reduction Program.

Medal of Honor Winner Cited by School Assoc.

America's most recent Medal of Honor winner, Capt. Roger Donlon, USA, has been selected to receive a Gold Key Award from the American Association of School Administrators.

The key, presented to a prominent American for contributions to the national welfare, is awarded according to the results of a national ballot.

Capt. Donlon received the Medal of Honor for his part in the defense of Nam Dong, a hamlet in the Republic of Vietnam. It was the first awarded since the Korean War.

Supply Ship Backlog Drops in RVN Ports

Late last year, during a buildup phase of U.S. troops and supplies into South Vietnam, harbors there were congested with ships. This situation no longer exists, say U.S. officials.

In November, 122 ships were in RVN harbors or holding areas waiting to be unloaded. This backup dropped to 48 in February.

A tremendous port construction program is underway in RVN, officials said, noting port capacity there will be increased 75 percent between January and July 1966.

Combat operations have not been affected by any shortage of supplies, the officials said.

Research Rockets Study Clouds Over Puerto Rico

Scientists from the Office of Aerospace Research, Washington, D.C., are conducting a series of rocket launches from the coast of Puerto Rico, to study dense, patchy layers of the ionosphere known as "sporadic E."

Four Nike Javelin sounding rockets, launched from Camp Tortuguero, Puerto Rico, will deposit a chemiluminescent trail in the ionosphere. The trail will be used to obtain data on ionospheric and wind conditions under which sporadic E forms.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Dr. Gerald W. Johnson, former DOD atomic energy advisor, named Director of Naval Laboratories. **RAdm. Frederick L. Ashworth, USN,** former Deputy Chief of Staff, EUCOM, Paris, nominated for third star, succeeds **VAdm. William E. Ellis, USN,** as Commander, Sixth Fleet. Adm. Ellis to Norfolk as Chief of Staff, Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, replacing **VAdm. Reynold D. Hogle, USN. Maj. Gen. Albert O. Connor, USA,** former CG, 3rd Infantry Division, named Deputy Chief, Office of Personnel Operations, DA, succeeding **Maj. Gen. Norman B. Edwards, USA,** named Chief of Staff Sixth Army. **Brig. Gen. George M. Jones, USA,** Chief of Staff, Fifth Army to be CG, Yukon Command and Ft. Wainwright, Alaska, in April.

CONTRACT AWARDS

J. P. Stevens Co., New York, N. Y.: $2,187,180 fixed-price contract for 522,000 yards of wool serge cloth. **(DSA)**

Lockley Machine Co., New Castle, Pa.: $1,430,739 firm fixed-price contract for demolition kits. **(Army)**

Southern Stevedoring Corp., Norfolk, Va.: $2,175,628 fixed-price contract for stevedoring services at U.S. Naval Supply Center. **(Navy)**

Thiokol Chemical Corp., Bristol, Pa.: $1,180,000 increment to an existing contract for research and development of Stage I Minuteman motors. **(Air Force)**

Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Palo Alto, Calif.: $2,543,678 contract for work on a classified project. **(DASA)**